

**Medical Direction Committee
 Courtyard by Marriott
 January 8, 2009
 10:30 am**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
William Hauda, M.D. Sabina Braithwaite, M.D. George Lindbeck, M.D. Stewart Martin, M.D. Dave Garth, M.D. Asher Brand, M.D. Allen Yee, M.D. Scott Weir, M.D. Theresa Guins, M.D. Charles Lane, M.D.		Gary Brown Scott Winston Michael Berg Greg Neiman Tom Nevetral Chad Blosser Warren Short	Randy Abernathy Heidi Hooker Holly Frost Jeff Meyer Kate Passow Daniel Kim Dave Cullen Daniel H. Kim, Jr, MPH, CHES Keltcie Delamar

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I. Welcome	The meeting was called to order at 10:35 AM by Allen Yee, M.D. who chaired the meeting in the absence of the Chair James Dudley, M.D.	
II. Introductions	Dr. Yee asked that the committee and guests introduce themselves.	
III. Approval of Minutes	The Committee approved the October 16, 2008 Minutes.	Charles Lane, M.D. made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted and it was seconded by Sabina Braithwaite, M.D. Motion... passed.

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IV. New Business	<p>a. There was a discussion on selecting a Vice Chair for the OMD Committee and it was stated that previously when the chair was unable to attend a member of the committee stepped forward to chair the meeting. After further discussion it was decided to table this issue.</p> <p>b. A discussion took place in reference to OMD endorsements that have expired. Who should be notified when an agency OMD expires? The EMS agency and the regional EMS council office? How often should OMD endorsements be reviewed? Yearly? Mike Berg, Regulation & Compliance Manager advised that it could possibly be reviewed during the agency inspections, which are conducted every two years.</p> <p>c. There were news reports of an individual impersonating a public safety official in the Richmond area. Be vigilant and aware of this type of activity in your area/agency.</p> <p>d. Drug diversion reports are available on the OEMS web page and must be sent to Mike Berg, Regulation & Compliance. It was stated that in one EMS council area the drug diversion report is submitted to the EMS regional council and they forward it to OEMS. Mr. Berg advises that the end result is that he receives notification.</p>	<p>Scott Winston advised that this issue could be discussed at the next Information Technology (IT) meeting.</p>
V. Old Business	<p>a. Keltcie Delamar reported on the following items:</p> <p>Stroke:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Virginia Stroke Systems Task Force (VSSTF) meets Jan 21 to review data from the AHA EMS survey distributed by OEMS and stroke hosp survey distributed by VHHA. Va had a 30% response rate from agencies in completing the survey. National AHA is preparing reports for each state on aggregate findings. This data and rankings of work plan strategies and progress markers by the task force members will help determine priorities and focus for the coming year. Preliminary look at rankings indicates the EMS Dispatch and EMS transfer protocols are of high interest to the group. • VSSTF submitted 2 stroke training proposals for 2009 EMS Symposium, pending acceptance. <p>STEMI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virginia's Mission Lifeline initiative, the Virginia Heart Attack Coalition Task Force 	

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	<p>(VHAC) meets Jan 28; focus of meeting will be on evaluation of data from AHA EMS survey distributed by OEMS and hospital Environmental Scan being executed by AHA. Goal is to identify strengths, and gaps in service, and determine priority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regions for potential funding. • AHA will work towards funding a Mission Lifeline Director to help develop relationships and implement systems improvements in priority areas. Group may be approaching FARC committee to pursue funding for needed 12-lead ECG equipment. • George Lindbeck will gather information from Councils regarding Council-wide development of STEMI systems, where viable. Some are already operating effectively in this area (information shared by Committee members re Council involvement). Discussion: OEMS looking to provide statewide guidance in the form of patient care protocols for time-sensitive/time-critical medical issues that would be integrated into state curriculums and regulations. • AHA Mission Lifeline has developed a 12-lead training course that will be offered online once released (target before end of fiscal year). ODEMSA is piloting the course for National AHA, and is on course to finish by end of Jan with a site visit from National AHA staff. Participants were pulled from many of the agencies around the region to provide well-rounded representation from the Council. • VHAC will kick off statewide on May 16 at a Stakeholders Summit in Richmond – VHAC Task Force members will be asked to help promote this to their audiences. This multidisciplinary summit will provide a forum to identify champions for regions and engage other stakeholders in those areas to work together. • The EMS Symposium planning committee accepted a VHAC proposal to provide STEMI training at the event next November. <p>b. The <i>Procedures & Formulary</i> document was reviewed and it was stated that the document should include the statement “Educational Minimums & Operational Maximums”.</p> <p>There was a consensus statement made that should read, “Investigational medications and procedures which have been reviewed and approved by an Institutional Review Board (IRB) will be considered to be approved by the Medical Direction Committee solely within the context of the approved study. Investigators involved in IRB approved research are asked to present their study plans to the MDC for informational purposes so that the committee can maintain an awareness of on-going pre-hospital research in the Commonwealth. Those who desire to conduct non-IRB reviewed pilot projects, demonstration projects, or research are asked to present those proposals to the MDC prior to their implementation for review and approval by the MDC.”</p>	<p>Motion by Stewart Martin, M.D. and seconded by Charles Lane, M.D. to place the statement “Educational Minimums & Operational Maximums” on the <i>Procedures and Formulary</i> document. Motion...passed.</p> <p>George Lindbeck, M.D. advised</p>

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	<p>c. George Lindbeck, M.D. advised that the Medical Direction Committee needs to write a white paper on STEMI polices/procedures. This document should include “data acquisition versus rhythm interpretation”.</p> <p>d. Deferred to Item 6.</p> <p>e. George Lindbeck, M.D. advised the committee that at the November 12, 2008 Governor’s Advisory Board (GAB) meeting rejected the Medical Direction Committee’s motion to “adopt the National Scope of Practice with the inclusion of the Intermediate level but recommended that the Intermediate level be discontinued at the end of 2014.”</p> <p><i>The GAB made a motion that “The Office of EMS maintain the curriculum, testing, certification and recertification of the EMT-Intermediate indefinitely and thereby the EMS Advisory Board reject the position of the Medical Direction Committee to eliminate the certification and subsequent recertification at the conclusion of 2014.” GAB motion...passed.</i></p>	<p>that he will draft a document for the next MDC meeting.</p>
<p>VI. State OMD Issues – George Lindbeck, M.D.</p>	<p>a. OMD Endorsement/Course Update - George Lindbeck, M.D. advised that there will be five OMD Workshops (EMS Medical Director Training Course) this year:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monday February 9, 2009 Homestead – Hot Springs 2. Thursday March 12, 2009 Southwest VA Higher Education Center – Abingdon 3. Week of June 8 – 13, 2009 Danville Area – Western VA EMS Council 4. Week of August 10 – 14, 2009 Warrenton/Culpeper – Rappahannock EMS Council 5. Thursday November 12, 2009 Norfolk Waterside Marriott <p>George also advised that the Office of EMS will look into allowing a conference call format, in an attempt to improve participation by distant OMDs at the Medical Direction Committee. Some of the issues that will require further study include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Echoes within the room. 2. Can conference call participants vote and will they count? <p>b. George Lindbeck, M.D. stated that the Process Action Team (PAT) committee advised that the Commonwealth needs to look at Statewide protocols & drug boxes. George Lindbeck, M.D. advises that MDC needs to place this issue as a high priority for 2009.</p> <p>c. A discussion ensued on aero medical transport decisions concerning when to fly. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will be making flight safety decisions this year and Medical Direction Committee will need to make sound medical decisions on when to fly.</p>	<p>Chad Blosser stated that he will look into a “streaming format” that may assist in this request.</p>

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	<p>George Lindbeck, M.D. advised that “on-line medical command” varies across the Commonwealth and that the Medical Direction Committee needs to look into this concern further.</p> <p>As a matter of information, George Lindbeck, M.D. advised that the Financial Assistance Review Committee (FARC) did not grade the FARC grant request for the ultrasound sound project presented at the last Medical Direction Committee by Barry Knapp, M.D. very high.</p> <p>George Lindbeck, M.D. advised that he would acquire from Tim Perkins “contract templates for OMDs.</p>	<p>George Lindbeck, M.D. advised that he would acquire from Tim Perkins “contract templates for OMDs.</p>
<p>VII. EMS Training Programs & Accreditation Update – Chad Blosser</p>	<p>Chad Blosser announced that National College in Harrisonburg is coming up for their Virginia paramedic accreditation visit. Shortly after making this announcement Mr. Blosser received a letter stating that National College in Harrisonburg was withdrawing their application for Virginia paramedic accreditation.</p> <p>James City County Fire Department will be having their Virginia Intermediate site visit in February.</p> <p>Rappahannock EMS Council is presently an Intermediate accredited site and are pursuing a paramedic accreditation in the Spring.</p> <p>There was a follow-up visit for the Old Dominion EMS Council Intermediate program and they were approved.</p>	
<p>VIII. ALS Programs Issues – Tom Nevetral</p>	<p>Tom Nevetral advised that thirty-two ALS-Coordinator candidates had registered for the ALS-Coordinator Seminar that will be held on January 10th.</p> <p>ST to Enhanced and CT to Intermediate Transition Programs completed on December 31, 2008. This was a six year process to complete transition.</p> <p>There will be an ALS-Coordinator Meeting on February 6, 2009 at Charlottesville-Albemarle Rescue Squad (CARS) and Kathy West will be offering her annual infectious disease update.</p>	

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	<p>The Office received notice that all printing services for the Commonwealth have been halted. The Office has copies of the Division of Educational Development (DED) Training Catalog on hand. Please contact the office and advise how many copies your agency would like to have. An electronic copy will be placed on the OEMS web page.</p>	
<p>IX. BLS Programs Issues - Greg Neiman</p>	<p>Greg Neiman reported that there have been a limited number of EMS Instructor Updates available and that EMT Instructors/ALS-Coordinators will not expire based on the lack of update opportunities.</p> <p>Greg reported that on December 6th they held a very successful EMT-Basic pilot practical examination with twenty-five attending.</p> <p>a. Charles Lane, M.D. gave the Professional Development Committee report and emphasized the need to closely monitor instructors who are requesting OMD endorsement. There are instructors who are not doing satisfactory jobs and should not be re-endorsed. OMDs need to closely scrutinize those they are endorsing.</p>	
<p>X. Regulation & Compliance- Mike Berg</p>	<p>Michael Berg, Regulation & Compliance Manager advised that the "draft regulations" need to be approved by the Board of Health first to continue moving through the regulatory process. They are scheduled to meet on Friday February 13, 2009. Once this is approved, the Office will work to establish the five public comment locations and times to begin in the Spring and go through early Summer. The Office will advertise this on the OEMS web page and our usual media outlets as well.</p>	
<p>XI. Regional Council Issues</p>	<p>It was reported that there have been no major changes in the present regional council's structure but there are requested changes in the council service areas. The committee is moving towards an improvement of the system and not just the alignment of the councils.</p>	
<p>XII. Public Comment</p>	<p>None</p>	
<p>XIII. Good of the Order</p>	<p>Scott Winston advised that there is a bulletin board for the Medical Direction Committee at www.vaems.org/meddir and requested that committee utilize this site.</p>	
<p>XIV. Adjourn</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn at 2:10 PM.</p>	

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	2009 Meeting Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• April 9, 2009• July 9, 2009• October 8, 2009	